AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A card game system, comprising: in which

a plurality of game machines apparatuses, each of which ean function functions as either a master machine that controls apparatus configured to control a game or a terminal machine that performs apparatus configured to perform a processes in accordance with indications from the master machine apparatus, the plurality of game apparatuses [[are]] being connected to each other so as to be able to transmit and receive data to and from each other, wherein and in which if

when one of the plurality of game machines apparatuses is set as the master machine apparatus, the game machines apparatuses other than the game machine apparatus set as the master machine apparatus are set as the terminal machines apparatuses, and each of the plurality of game machines apparatuses reads game information recorded in a card within a specific time during the game, [[then]] the game progresses based on the read game information, wherein

the game machine apparatus set as the master machine apparatus has[[:]]

- a master reception device for receiving configured to receive the game information transmitted from each of the plurality of game machines; apparatuses,
- a start determination device for determining configured to determine whether to start the specific time, [[;]]
- a permission device for rejecting configured to reject to receive the game information at the master reception device until the start determination device determines to start the specific time, and for permitting configured to permit the reception when the start determination device determines to start the specific time, [[;]]
- an elapse time determination device for determining configured to determine whether a time set as the specific time in advance elapses after the permission device permits the reception of the game information, [[;]] and

a rejection device for rejecting configured to reject the reception again when the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses, and each of the plurality of game machines apparatuses has

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a terminal transmission device for transmitting configured to transmit the game information having been read to the master reception device.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The card game system according to claim 1, wherein

the rejection device rejects the reception of the game information further transmitted from the game machine apparatus that is a sender of the game information already received by the master reception device even before the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The card game system according to claim 1 [[or 2]], wherein the number of the plurality of game machines apparatuses is two.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A card used in the card game system according to any one of elaims claim 1 [[to 3]], wherein the card has three or more sides, and the game information is printed on a same face along the respective sides.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A master machine apparatus as a predetermined reception destination in a card game system in which [[if]] when each of a plurality of game machines apparatuses, connected to each other so as to be able to transmit and receive data to and from each other, reads game information recorded in a card and transmits the game information to the predetermined reception destination within a specific time during a game, [[and]] the game is controlled based on the game information received at the predetermined reception destination, wherein the master machine has apparatus comprising:

a reception device for receiving configured to receive the game information transmitted from each of the plurality of game machines apparatuses;

a start determination device for determining configured to determine whether to start the specific time;

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a permission device for rejecting configured to reject reception of the game information at the master reception device until the start determination device determines to start the specific time, and for permitting configured to permit the reception of the game information when the start determination device determines to start the specific time;

an elapse time determination device for determining configured to determine whether a time set as the specific time in advance elapses after the permission device permits the reception of the game information; and

a rejection device for rejecting configured to reject the reception again when the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses.